

## SU403 IRISH HISTORY (3 Credits)

**COURSE OBJECTIVE:** This course will cover the history of the island, will treat of the different peoples who settled in Ireland over the centuries and will deal with the contribution that each has made to the development of Irish society and economy, and also to a distinctive Irish artistic and political life. The initial lecture will consider both early and medieval history, but the principal focus will be on the modern centuries, with a detailed treatment of English and Scottish Protestant settlement in Ireland and of the interaction of these settlers, and their descendants, with the existing Catholic populations. Special attention will be given to the major conflicts, both political and military, that occurred in this era, especially those of the 1600s, the 1790's and the early twentieth century. The course will be of interest to majors in History, Politics and Literature as well as anybody wishing to be guided to the best recent literature on Ireland's past. Fieldtrips will be an integral part of the course, serving to illustrate the points made in the classroom.

### **COURSE OUTLINE:**

- Week 1      **Induction Period**  
Historical Overview: the late medieval background.
- Week 2      **The sixteenth and Seventeenth centuries**  
The end of Gaelic Ireland: the Completion of the English Conquest in the 1500s  
Making Ireland British: Plantation, administration, etc.  
Conflict and resistance to change: From before the Wars of the Three Kingdoms to the War of the Three Kings  
**Seminar:** The Anglicisation of Ireland: to what extent did it occur?
- Week 3      **The Eighteenth century and into the early Nineteenth century**  
Demography, Economy, and Social structure: the alteration of Irish society  
The Catholic and Protestant Nations in the Eighteenth century  
Revolution, Union, and their aftermath: 1790-1830  
**Seminar:** The alteration of Irish society; from an Ancien Regime society to a modern one?
- Week 4      **The Nineteenth century: the impact of new forces on Ireland**  
The Great Famine  
The modernisation of Irish society in the post-Famine period.  
Changing the Irish Question: Fenianism, Agrarianism, and Home Rule.  
**Seminar:** The Great Famine, its causes, consequences, and legacy.
- Week 5      **The Twentieth Century**  
The crisis of the early 1900s  
'A Terrible Beauty is born': From the 1916 Rising to the Civil War  
One Ireland, two states?: Northern Ireland after 1922.  
**Seminar:** Did a revolution occur in Ireland in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century?

### **History Course: recommended reading**

PLEASE NOTE that this is a list of recommended texts. It is not obligatory to read everything on it. It is only a guide to further reading.

### **Course Text Book**

*The Oxford illustrated history of Ireland* / edited by R.F. Foster. -- Oxford : Oxford University Press, 1989.

### **Other General Histories of Ireland**

- *Modern Ireland 1600-1972* / R. F. Foster. -- London : Penguin, 1989, c1988
- *A history of Ireland* / Mike Cronin. -- Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire ; New York : Palgrave, 2001.
- *The Concise History of Ireland* / Sean Duffy – Dublin: Gill and Macmillan, 2005.
- *The making of Ireland : from ancient times to the present* / James Lydon. -- London : Routledge, 1998.
- *Ireland : a history* / Robert Kee. -- London : Abacus, 1995.
- *The Course of Irish history* / edited by T. W. Moody and F. X. Martin. -- Cork : Published in association with Radio Telefis Eireann by Mercier Press, 1994.

### **16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland**

- *A New History of Ireland*, vol. III: Early modern Ireland, 1534-1691 / edited by T. W. Moody, F. X. Martin, F. J. Byrne. -- Oxford, Eng. : Clarendon Press, 1976.
- *Tudor and Stuart Ireland* / Margaret MacCurtain. -- Dublin : Gill and Macmillan c1972
- *Sixteenth-Century Ireland : the incomplete conquest* / Colm Lennon. -- Dublin : Gill & Macmillan, c1994
- *Seventeenth-century Ireland : making Ireland modern* / Raymond Gillespie -- Dublin : Gill & Macmillan, c2006.
- *From reformation to restoration : Ireland, 1534-1660* / Nicholas Canny. -- Dublin : Helicon : Distributed by the Educational Company of Ireland, 1987
- *Natives and Newcomers : essays on the making of Irish colonial society, 1534-1641* / Ciaran Brady and Raymond Gillespie, editors. -- Dublin : Irish Academic Press, c1986

### **18th Century Ireland**

- *A New History of Ireland*, vol. IV: Eighteenth-century Ireland, 1691-1800 / edited by T.W. Moody, W.E. Vaughan. -- Oxford : Clarendon Press ; New York : Oxford University Press, 1986, 1999.
- *New foundations : Ireland, 1660-1800* / David Dickson. -- Dublin ; Portland: Irish Academic Press, 2000
- *Religion, law, and power : the making of Protestant Ireland, 1660-1760* / S.J. Connolly. -- Oxford : Clarendon, 1992
- *Catholic Ireland in the eighteenth century : collected essays of Maureen Wall* / Maureen Wall Dublin : Geography Publications, c1989.
- *Rebellion : a television history of 1798* / [by] Thomas Bartlett, Kevin Dawson and Daire Keogh. -- Dublin : Gill & Macmillan, 1998. (book which accompanies a television series)

### **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland**

- *Ireland before the famine, 1798-1848* / Gearoid O Tuathaigh. -- Dublin : Gill and Macmillan, c1990.
- *This great calamity : the Irish Famine, 1845-52* / Christine Kinealy. -- Dublin : Gill & Macmillan, c1994
- *The famine in Ireland* / Mary E. Daly. -- Dublin : Published for the Dublin Historical Association by Dundalgan Press, 1986
- *The modernisation of Irish society, 1848-1918* / by Joseph Lee. -- [Dublin] : Gill and Macmillan, 1989, c1973.
- *The Revolution in Ireland, 1879-1923* / edited by D.G. Boyce. -- Basingstoke : Macmillan Education, 1988.

- *Ireland, 1912-1985 : politics and society* / J.J. Lee. -- Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 1989

#### **General Reference Works**

- *Encyclopaedia of Ireland*. -- Dublin, A. Figgis ;New York : McGraw-Hill, 1968.
- *A timeline of Irish history* / Richard Killeen. -- Dublin : Gill & Macmillan, 2003
- *An atlas of Irish history*, maps drawn by W. H. Bromage/Ruth Dudley Edwards -- London, Methuen, 1973.
- *The Oxford companion to Irish history* / edited by S.J. Connolly. -- Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2004

#### **Other Media**

- Ireland : a television history / [written by] Robert Kee. -- London : BBC, c1980
- Rebellion [videorecording] : a television history of 1798 / written and produced by Kevin Dawson. -- Dublin : R.T.E., [1998]

Please note that this list will be supplemented with other readings and recommendations in the course of the teaching programme.

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDITS:**

1. Attendance at lectures and participation in seminars.
2. One essay of 1,500 words on a subject of your choice subject to the agreement of the Course Professor in Irish History.
3. Written examination of material covered in Irish History lectures and seminars.

#### **COURSE PROFESSORS:**

Steven Ellis, M.A., Ph.D., DLitt, FRHistS

Professor Steven Ellis is head of the History Department at NUI Galway, and is a leading authority on the Tudor state. His research and writing focus on frontiers and identities in the British Isles in the period from the loss of the main English territories in Lancastrian France c. 1450 to the completion of the Tudor conquest in Ireland and the Union of the Crowns of England and Scotland in 1603. He also has research and teaching interests in the problems of state formation and historiography. Steven Ellis is author of *'Tudor frontiers and noble power; the making of the British state'* (Oxford U.P., 1995), and *'Ireland in the age of the Tudors, 1447 – 1603; English expansion and the end of Gaelic rule'* (Longman Ltd., 1998).

#### **Laurence Marley, M.A., Ph.D**

Laurence Marley, a native of Belfast, holds his doctorate in History from the National University of Ireland. In addition to teaching history at NUI, Galway, he is guest lecturer with the St. Benedict's College/Saint John's University (Minnesota) Program in Ireland. His current research interests in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century Irish and British history lay particular emphasis on radical movements and social protest; Irish emigration and the diaspora; popular memory, commemoration and contested histories; and Northern Ireland. He is the author of *Michael Davitt: Freelance Radical and Frondeur* (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2007).

